

VENEZUELA ON VERGE OF WAR

The British and Germans Seize Ships and Sink Them in the Harbor at La Guayra.

CALL FOR SOLDIERS

President Castro Releases All English and German Citizens Arrested by His Troops.

(Special By Scripps-McLair.)
La Guayra, Dec. 11.—Yet no sign of weakening in the Venezuelan position. Instead Castro is gathering an army of the reports from Caracas state, to resist the German-British aggression. Two thousand men and eight hundred guns were sent from Caracas to reinforce the garrison here. Men are now encamped four miles from town. Fort Lavida is being stocked with ammunition and there are indications of preparations for resistance. Castro's position is very popular and volunteers are offering themselves in large numbers. Nearly a thousand of such armed are here.

Attempt to Capture Castro
The Central News Association asserts today that Anglo-German allies in Venezuela are attempting to capture Castro himself, with a view of effecting speedy settlement to difficulties.

Mormons Landed
Private information received in London states that Anglo-German allies landed a force of blue jackets and marines at LaGuayra and fighting has commenced in streets.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—A La-Guayra dispatch received this morning by the state department states that the British Cruiser Indefatigable is now pursuing the Venezuelan cruiser Restaurador. The German cruiser Falka has sailed in search of the remainder of the Venezuelan fleet. Bowen minister to Venezuela cabled the department this morning that President Castro told him that he had released all German and British subjects arrested.

Fleet Enters Harbor
The combined Anglo-German fleet entered La Guayra harbor yesterday. The first vessels are not 200 feet from the custom house. The landing of marines has begun.

All the Venezuelan warships captured yesterday were taken outside of the harbor this morning and scuttled. President Castro has called the people of Venezuela to arms to resist the demands of Great Britain and Germany. He has cabled messages to Venezuela envoys to foreign countries, denouncing as unjust the menace of the British and German fleets and intimating that Venezuela will meet force with force.

FIGHTERS SELECT DETROIT FOR MILL

The Backers of Terry McGovern and Young Corbett Give Louisville the Go-By.

(Special By Scripps-McLair.)
Detroit, Mich., Dec. 11.—Terry McGovern and Young Corbett will meet at the Light Guard armory in this city on some date within four weeks, probably on the evening of January 3. The proposed bout became a certainty today, when match-maker, Considine, of the Metropolitan Athletic club, heard from the backers of the two boys to the effect that they had decided to wait no longer for a forfeit from Louisville and requesting him to start at once for New York to sign articles for the meeting there. Jim Corbett is to be the referee.

SPLENDID LECTURE IS FREE TO PUBLIC

Dr. Coulter Will Speak on the Twentieth Century Man at the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. John M. Coulter, of the University of Chicago, who is to lecture on the Twentieth Century Man at the Presbyterian church, Friday evening, will arrive in the city tomorrow afternoon and will be a guest at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Henderson.

Tomorrow evening at 6:30 the Men's League of the Presbyterian church, under whose auspices Dr. Coulter is to lecture, will give a banquet in his honor in the dining room of the church, the supper being served by the ladies. Extensive preparations have been made for this supper and it is expected that it will be a happy social gathering.

At 8 o'clock in the church auditorium Dr. Coulter's lecture will be given. Through the generosity of one of the members of the Men's League it will be free to the public, admission being by ticket. The lecture will be of vital interest to all thinking people, who appreciate hearing the problems of the day discussed by a leader among men. It is especially hoped to reach men who are employed in the commercial and manufacturing industries of the city and they are urged to apply for tickets. Dr. Coulter is one of the leading scholars and lecturers of the country and what he has to say will be worth hearing.

FARMERS GOVERNED BY REVENUE LAWS

May Sell Their Tobacco Only in Its Natural Condition—Cannot Change Form.

(Special By Scripps-McLair.)
Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Several days ago a collector notified the Commissioner of Internal Revenue that a party in his district intended to purchase tobacco from farmers, and farmers to strip and assort the tobacco into wrappers and fillers before delivery, and the question was presented whether farmers have the right to stem the tobacco and sell the same in that condition to the dealers. He was advised that under the provisions of the existing law farmers and growers of tobacco may sell and deliver leaf tobacco raised by themselves in its natural condition without restriction, as to the quantity sold or the business of the party who buys the tobacco, but farmers and growers are not privileged to stem, twist, roll, plat, sweeten or otherwise change their tobacco from the condition in which it was cured on the farm, for the purpose of selling the same to other persons.

YOUSSEFF TO MEET WITH FRED BEEL
Young Yousseff, the "Terrible Turk," who has been waiting in this city for the past week to hear from Fred Beel, received the desired communication today. Rather, Fred Anderson received the letter from Marshallfield, asking him to make the preliminary arrangements. Beel wishes to wrestle Yousseff for a side bet of two hundred dollars, the winner to take 75 per cent, the match to be a handicap. The conditions are the same as those imposed in the Turk's contest with Schott, requiring three straight throws in an hour.

"Terrible Turk" and "The Middle Weight Champion," Will Wrestle in Handicap Match.

Form all reports the match should be a good one. Beel has done most of his wrestling in the south of the state, and is new to this region. But it is said that he has been able to hold his own with the best of the middle weight men. Yousseff claims that he has never seen him nor heard from him until the latter today, except for the challenge published in the columns of the Gazette.

Beel stands ready to send one hundred dollars, his share of the side bet, as soon as the articles of agreement are signed. The match will take place in this city. The place has not yet been fixed upon or the date, probably some time in the next five or six weeks.

EVIDENCE IS GIVEN FAVORING PATRICK

Hearing on the Motion Asking for a New Trial Is Continued Before Recorder Goff.

New York, Dec. 11.—The hearing on the motion asked that a new trial be granted Albert T. Patrick, who was convicted of the murder of William M. Rice, was continued before Recorder Goff today. Robert Aurich, an attendant at the morgue, testified that he was positive that he heard Dr. Hamilton Williams, who made a post-mortem examination of Rice's body, say that there was nothing to show of what Rice had died of.

Dr. Albert T. Weston, coroner's physician, denied that he had ever told Assistant District Attorney Osborne that Rice died from inhaling an irritant. Detective Sergeant Vallely, the next witness, said Dr. Donlin, one of the physicians who examined Rice's body, declared that death was caused by old age. The hearing went over till Friday, when the district attorney will submit an affidavit as to the immunity given Jones, Rice's valet, who testified against Patrick.

Animals Without Vocal Cords.
The giraffe, armadillo and porcupine have no vocal cords, and are, therefore, mute. Whales and serpents are also voiceless.

REPORTS WAR TO HOUSE OF COMMONS

Blame For Sinking Venezuelan Ships Laid to Germans by British.

(Special By Scripps-McLair.)
London, December 11.—The Parliamentary Secretary to the Foreign Office in the House of Commons today announced that official information had been received of the seizure and destruction of a number of Venezuelan warships by the Anglo-German fleet and the arrest of British and German subjects in Caracas.

Germans Sink Ships
After the session it was pointed out that special pains had been taken to make it clear that the Germans and not the British sunk Venezuelan ships and that while the seizure and sinking were both acts of war, the latter was much the greater aggression and liable to have greater consequences.

MRS. ADAMS DIED IN CALIFORNIA

Widow of the Late Chas. Kendall Adams Passed Away at Redlands, Last Night.

ILL FOR SOME TIME

Death of a Most Estimable Woman Will Be Sincerely Mourned by Her Many Friends.

(Special To The Gazette.)
Madison, Wis., Dec. 11.—Mrs. Mary M. Adams, widow of the former president of the University of Wisconsin, died last night at her home in Redlands, Calif., where she had resided for some time past.

Was in Poor Health
Word was received here today in a dispatch which stated that she had been ill about a month but that she was known by her friends here that she had been in poor health for a year and more and her death was not unexpected.

Her Husband's Death
The death of her husband, the late Charles Kendall Adams, which occurred at Redlands, a few months ago, had a visible effect on Mrs. Adams' health. She had prominently identified herself with his interests and his work and was as universally loved and admired.

MANUFACTURERS FORM ASSOCIATION

Meet in St. Louis, and Adjourn After Organizing—Next Meeting in Washington.

(Special By Scripps-McLair.)
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 11.—The National Lumber Manufacturers' association was formed here today and the body adjourned to hold the next meeting on April 20, 1903, in Washington, D. C. Seventy or more delegates, representing the lumber makers of the United States, perfected the organization for their mutual interest and protection. The following officers were elected: President, E. C. Fosburg, Norfolk, Va.; vice president, Edward Hines, Chicago; secretary, G. K. Smith, St. Louis; treasurer, J. A. Freeman, St. Louis.

IRISH LEADER IS IMPRISONED

Found Guilty of Inciting Murder, Dennis Kilbride Is Sent to Prison.

(Special By Scripps-McLair.)
Dublin, Dec. 11.—Dennis Kilbride, a former member of Parliament, was found guilty today at the Leinster assizes of inciting to the murder of Major General Meares of County Westmeath. The prisoner, who was recommended to mercy by the jury, was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment.

THE NOBEL PRIZE IS OUT IN TWO

Twenty Thousand Dollars Awarded to Two Equally Prominent Peace Promoters.

(Special By Scripps-McLair.)
Christiana, Dec. 11.—The Nobel peace prize of \$40,000 was awarded today to Ellen Ducommun, secretary of the permanent international peace bureau at Berne, and Dr. Alfred Gohlbach, president of the international parliamentary bureau at the same place. Each will receive \$20,000.

Prof. C. W. Green Is Dead.
Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 11.—Calvin W. Green, professor of mathematics at the Illinois Wesleyan University here, is dead. He was 45 years old and a graduate of the Greenville (Ky.) college. He had been connected with the local institution thirteen years.

Dead in Looted House.
Bellefontaine, O., Dec. 11.—Aaron Burt, a wealthy bachelor 60 years old, was found dead with a bullet hole in his breast. The cottage at Lakeview in which the body was found was on fire. A large sum of money hidden in the house is missing.

DEUCHER ELECTED SWISS PRESIDENT

Was Formerly Head of Numerous Departments of the Government Service.

(Special By Scripps-McLair.)
Berne, Switzerland, December 11.—M. Deucher, formerly the head of the department of commerce, industry and agriculture was today elected president of the Swiss federation.

Although suffering from a fractured skull John Sackman of Chicago was refused admittance by the doctors to the Cook county hospital. The police took him to the Desplaines station and then back to the hospital where he died.

CATTLE DISEASE STIRS CONGRESS

House Committee Will Recommend \$1,000,000 to Fight the Disease Before It Spreads.

(Special By Scripps-McLair.)
Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson appeared before the House committee on agriculture today to explain the urgent necessity of an emergency appropriation to enable his department to stamp out the foot and mouth disease now prevalent in some of the New England states.

Mr. Wilson advised the committee of conditions in the quarantined New England states, and said that it had been found necessary to kill all the infected cattle, and he had ordered their slaughter. He estimated that it would cost about \$750,000 to stamp out the disease, arrangements having been made by the state authorities to pay 70 per cent of the value of the cattle killed.

The committee also was asked to secure legislation which will give the Secretary of Agriculture authority after the inspection of live stock to give a certificate to the shipper which will permit the transportation from one state to another and through states without any further inspection by state authorities. By a recent decision of the supreme court cattle may be stopped at any state line, it is explained, thus affording a serious interference to interstate commerce in cattle.

The committee will report to the House tomorrow a bill carrying an emergency appropriation of \$1,000,000 to meet the requirements of the department in eradicating the disease in the infected sections.

COAL CONSPIRACY FORCES UP PRICE

Operators Are Holding Out Against Furnishing Coal to Main-Tain Prices.

(Special By Scripps-McLair.)
New York, Dec. 11.—The coal famine, which is making the rich shiver and the poor die in this city, is not genuine. It is said to be the result of a corner, a conspiracy on the part of the coal operators to keep the supply short and force prices to the top.

Dwellers in New York who have listened to the stories given out by operators about their herculean efforts to keep the city supplied may believe all these professions, but the business men who live in New Jersey and who come daily into New York as commuters on the different roads know exactly what the situation is.

Ask one of these men what the price is in any of the hundreds of New Jersey towns and cities within 100 miles of New York. He will tell you that he can get coal—all he wants of it—for \$6.25 a ton. He will tell you that all along the Erie, Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, Ontario & Western the Lehigh Valley and the other coal roads, there are thousands upon thousands of coal cars filled with anthracite. Some of it has been waiting in sidings for weeks. It is covered with snow. The men who own it have been holding it for the zero war or they know will soon melt New York.

To cover their tracks as far as possible, a third party has been brought into the deal. This is the speculator. The retailers, whose yards are empty, sell at exorbitant prices, either by the half or quarter ton, or by the bag or pall to the very poor, tell you that they cannot get coal of the operators. They have got to get it of the speculator, and pay whatever prices may be demanded. Some of the speculators demand as high as \$9 and \$10 a ton. Yet coal is selling for \$5.50 at the mines and the North and the East rivers are full of barges of coal held by speculators.

FAVORS SPOONER HEALTH MEASURE

Chairman Wingate of the American Public Health Association, Commends Home Rule Features.

(Special By Scripps-McLair.)
New Orleans, La., Dec. 11.—At the second day's session of the American Public Health association, Chairman Wingate of Milwaukee submitted a report on the efforts to secure the creation by congress of a national department of health, which failed because the cabinet was considered already too large, and of the final compromise upon the Spooner bill, as passed.

In its present shape the Spooner bill is a considerable modification of the legislation the association desired, but it is acceptable in that it recognizes the right of the state and territorial boards of health to a voice in the adoption of rules affecting their respective localities. The report said: "A broad and liberal policy, free from arbitrary rules and cooperative with state health authorities, on the part of the surgeon-general will undoubtedly prove advantageous and strengthening to the various state and territorial boards of health. It is hoped that this measure provides a foundation upon which may be built a national health service such as the intelligence of the people and the age in which we are living demands."

Secures \$2,000 Damages.
Galesburg, Ill., Dec. 11.—In the Circuit Court here Mrs. Martin Daily was awarded \$2,000 damages against C. A. Walker and Henderson Woods of Maquon on the ground that over two years ago they caused the death of her husband by selling him lemon extract as a beverage.

BIG CONTRAST IN COAL PRICES

An Independent Operator Gives the Commission Startling Facts and Figures.

A PATHETIC STORY

Boy Who Lost His Leg in a Mine Accident, Forced To Pay the Debt Incurred by Another.

(Special By Scripps-McLair.)
Scranton, Pa., Dec. 11.—J. C. Crawford, an independent operator, who succeeded in keeping his colliery going during the strike, was called as the first witness before the coal strike commission.

Sensational Prices
He said that most of his coal was sold during the past two weeks to the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western. For coal turned over to the road in November he received \$2.50 per ton while during the strike he received as high as \$20 a ton.

A Pitiful Story
A boy named Henry Williams, employed by the Pardee Company, said he lost his leg during a mine accident, that he received no money during the time that he was laid up and that when he returned to work his salary was taken to pay a debt incurred by his father.

HORSE RUNS AWAY NEAR MYERS HOUSE

Woman and Child Are Seated in Cutter—Was Stopped Near the Postoffice.

A loose bolt caused a runaway yesterday evening which was brought to a stop before any serious damage had been done. The loose bolt caused the shafts of the cutter in which Mrs. C. F. Brockhaus was riding to rattle against the horse's legs. The horse naturally took fright and plunged. The animal started on his ungovernable course near the Myers house, but was brought to a stop after a run of about a block up West Milwaukee street. The only damage done was a small break in the cutter, and a few slight cuts on the horse's heels. Mrs. Brockhaus' small boy was in the cutter with her.

KAISER DENIES EDWARD STORY

Report That He Spoke Disrespectfully of King Edward, Is Without Foundation.

(Special By Scripps-McLair.)
Berlin, Dec. 11.—An official denial was given out here today of the statement published in the National Review of London, that the German Emperor during his recent tour of Norway and while on board an American yacht referred disparagingly to the British King, government, and people. The report is characterized as an "audacious invention."

LOOMS ARE BEING MADE FOR SHADES

Are Building Machinery for Hough Corporation on the Spot—Work Was Resumed.

After several days of quiet, work was recommenced by the carpenters and masons at the Hough Porch Shade company's plant Wednesday. The weather had been so inclement that it was impossible for the work to go on. For the present everything is going merrily again. The engine foundation is still requiring the labor of several men.

In the warehouse new looms are being built to extend the equipment of the plant. After looking over the available places it was found that there was no shop in the city which was well adapted for building such machinery and so the construction is going on on the spot.

An adverse decision was given by the Chicago board of education finance committee on the citizens' petition for arbitration of Miss Goggin's suit to apply back tax money to the teachers' back salaries.

MAD MULLAH IS REPORTED KILLED

Assassin Thrust a Spear into His Body While He Was Praying.

(Special By Scripps-McLair.)
Aden, Dec. 11.—Adiphat from Garrow, Somaland states that rumors are current there that the Mad Mullah was assassinated by a spear thrust while at prayers.

Swift and company were blamed by the coroner's jury for the boiler explosion which killed fifteen persons, due to the carelessness of an unknown employee. It was recommended that the firemen and water tenders' work be reduced from the present twelve hour schedule.

FOUR OAR CREW FROM WISCONSIN

May Increase Representation at Poughkeepsie Regatta by Sending Another Crew.

(Special By Scripps-McLair.)
Madison, Wis., Dec. 11.—The University navy department will purchase two new four oared racing shells for use next spring if the necessary money can be raised. As it is necessary that the crew have a new eight-oared boat for the Poughkeepsie regatta it is possible that the athletic association will purchase the new four-oared boats and the money for the eight will be raised by subscription.

Should the four oared shells be purchased it is possible that a four may be entered in the eastern regatta, which is to be held at Poughkeepsie on June 26. Wisconsin has never entered a crew in this event, simply because of the lack of shells. There have been good men for several years past to make up a four, and it would only mean the taking of one or two extra men east. Fours have been needed for coaching purposes since the number of candidates have become so large that they cannot be accommodated in the eight-oared shells.

Coach O'Dea has been corresponding with a Minneapolis boat club which has two fours for sale, as the club has disbanded. If these shells can be purchased reasonably cheap they will be purchased, as they are in excellent condition. If they are not purchased the shells will be made in Madison at the same time as the eight.

HOME WEDDING IS A PRETTY AFFAIR

Relatives and Friends Witness Marriage of Miss Myra Cook and Levi H. Case.

There was a pretty home wedding at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Cook, 205 South High Street, Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock, when the ceremony was performed which united in marriage Miss Myra Cook and Levi H. Case. The wedding was simple and unostentatious in its details, although the lack of pretension did not detract from its beauty nor the impressiveness of the ceremony.

The bride and groom entered the parlors, which were prettily decorated with choice cut flowers, unattended. Rev. Bulley, of Shopley, was the officiating clergyman and the exchange of marriage vows was witnessed by a company of about thirty relatives and intimate friends. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Case, of Shopley, parents of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. E. Uehling, Edward Case and Arthur Uehling, of Shopley and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cromwell, of Beloit.

After the ceremony an elegant wedding luncheon was served prettily and the newly married couple left for Chicago where they will spend a few days, returning to this city Sunday. They will make their home with the bride's parents. Both young people are well known and highly esteemed in this city and they have the best wishes of many friends for their future happiness and prosperity.

POSTMASTERS ARE ALREADY NAMED

Congressman Cooper Recommends Men for Darlington, Clinton and Brodhead.

(Special By Scripps-McLair.)
Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Congressman Cooper today recommended for appointment three postmasters: Darlington—S. G. Reeves. Clinton—W. A. Mayhew. Brodhead—A. B. Kildew.

GAVE A SPLENDID SUPPER

Ladies of Court Street Church Prepare Appetizing Repast

The supper served by the ladies and girls of Court Street M. E. church in the church parlors last evening was one of the most tempting repasts ever prepared by a local church society. An elaborate menu, the different articles being excellent in quality, delighted the many patrons, and the ladies certainly excelled their own reputation.

The supper was given for the benefit of the Sunday school and the liberal patronage was very gratifying. After the supper, many lingered for the enjoyment of a social hour. Another supper for the Sunday School's benefit will be given Saturday evening, Dec. 20, at which time the men of the church will act as caterers.

ANDREW CARNEGIE HOME FROM EUROPE

He Arrived in New York Today, and Appears To Be in Feeble Health

(Special By Scripps-McLair.)
New York, Dec. 11.—Andrew Carnegie returned from Europe today. He looks smaller and thinner than ever and seems to be anything but a well man.

SPOONER'S REPLY PLEASES PEOPLE

Congressional Colleagues Express Satisfaction Over His Willingness To Serve.

ROOSEVELT GLAD

Wisconsin Men in Washington Rejoice To Hear That We Will Accept Office.

(Special By Scripps-McLair.)
Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Expressions of satisfaction and approval were general among public men here today when the news reached here that Senator Spooner had written a letter announcing his willingness to again serve the people of Wisconsin in the United States senate if he shall be elected by the legislature.

The feeling here favorable to Senator Spooner has at no time been overestimated. President Roosevelt and members of his cabinet, leading men of both parties, high in official stations, have been hearty in expressing the hope that Mr. Spooner would be returned to the senate. They look upon the announcement he has just made of willingness to accept, if he is tendered a reelection, as settling the matter, as it is believed that there will not be any opposition to him of material consequence.

All Wish His Return
It is safe to say that never before in the service of any man in the halls of congress has there been so universal an expression of hope for his return as has been the case with Senator Spooner. Even in the face of his announced purpose to retire his hosts of friends here hoped that circumstances would arise which would insure his return, and that the demand of the people of Wisconsin would be so unanimous and spontaneous that the senator would not be able to see his way clear to decline.

Statesmen Express Gratification
Not only Wisconsin men here, but senators and representatives from other states insisted that Spooner should be re-elected notwithstanding his expressed determination to retire, and it was believed that if the Republicans of the state were sufficiently urgent and unanimous in their demands upon him that he would wave the decision that he made two years ago.

Senators Hoar and Allison and Postmaster General Payne were highly pleased that Senator Spooner had finally concluded to let the Republicans of Wisconsin re-elect him to the senate. Senator Charles, Representative Barney and others expressed themselves as being equally well pleased with the decision.

APARTMENT HOUSE FIRE IS FATAL

Two Women Jump from the Third Floor of Building, and Are Badly Injured.

(Special By Scripps-McLair.)
New York, Dec. 11.—Two apartment house sat 16 and 18 West Sixty-fifth street, just off Central park, west, burned yesterday afternoon. Two women jumped and were badly hurt. One fireman was injured. The fatally injured are: Mrs. Mary Parker, 53 years old, both legs and arms broken. Mrs. Lillian Cleveland, her daughter; right leg broken, internally injured.

GRANGE PATRONS ADVOCATE LAWS

Referendum and Other State Issues Favored at Meeting of Farmers.

(Special By Scripps-McLair.)
Eau Claire, Wis., Dec. 11.—The Wisconsin State Grange Patrons of Husbandry today adopted resolutions as follows:

Favoring the referendum, rural delivery, a state railway commission with power to fix rates, favoring legislation by congress to protect forests, for pure food, to revise fees and salaries of federal officials and for the Grout bill, for the election of federal senators by popular vote and demanding equal taxation.

Appleton was selected as the next place of meeting. George R. Schaeffer of Neenah was elected secretary and H. R. Morgan of Hammond, trustee.

Chicago police discredited the story that the O'Neill-Slater shooting resulted from a dispute over the constables' plot to blow up the gambling houses. Philadelphia, Cleveland and New York have counterparts of the Chicago automobile law requiring owners to display license numbers on their machines; New York requires initials; Boston limits the speed to eight miles. Final work will be done today on the Thirty-ninth street Chicago intercepting sewer tunnel, ten feet in diameter, will be done today. The pneumatic shields will meet near Vincennes avenue.

CITY FINANCES BADLY MANAGED

F. H. JACKMAN INVESTIGATES
FOR TWILIGHT CLUB.

NO CHECK ON THE ORDERS

Stone Crushing Plant is Found To
Be Very Much in the
Hole.

Facts and figures contained in the paper presented by Frank H. Jackman at the meeting of the Twilight club, on Tuesday evening, will be of interest to every citizen of Janesville. The paper contains much material for careful reflection and should be widely and thoughtfully read. The Gazette publishes it in full as follows:

When your chairman asked me to look into the expenditures of the city of Janesville I had no idea of the magnitude nor the difficulty of the task laid out for me, and if the results are not as precise and accurate as you may wish, you may know that your disappointment is no greater than mine. Such figures as were given me by the city clerk, treasurer and engineer whom, by the way, I wish to thank for their unfailing courtesy and helpfulness. I have, no doubt are correct. Such results as I have dug out myself are not absolutely correct but when you understand the conditions under which I have worked it is not at all surprising. However in every case I feel certain the figures I will read you will be found, on more careful investigation to be greater, not less, than I have them. I have taken the figures for all the funds, except the general fund, from the treasurer, as these funds, by their very titles, explain the purpose for which the money was expended. My investigations did not extend any further back than the first of March of this year when the treasurer's report appeared in the daily papers. The school fund at that time had a balance of \$1,356, from the city. Today its balance is \$15814 showing expenditures of \$32418. I may as well note here that the system of bookkeeping in vogue in this city does not show the condition of the funds during the collection of the taxes. The balance I read is based upon the supposition that the city taxes are all paid. The fund is credited with its allotment when the levy is made. The school fund levy you may be interested in knowing is \$30000. The fire and water fund levy is \$13000 and the balance showing Dec. 1 is \$5921. The balance March 1 was \$966 showing expenditures of \$2777. The library fund's balance March 1 was \$1676, the levy is \$3500 and the balance is \$3006, expenditures \$2180. The lighting fund's balance March 1 was \$7855, the levy \$13500 and the balance now is \$12146 making the expenditures \$9207. The levy for the bonded indebtedness of the city was \$11200, there was no balance March 1 and there is none now. The bridge fund's balance March 1 was \$1505, the levy \$3500, there was \$500 borrowed and the balance Dec. 1 was \$355. The balance in the judgment fund March 1 was \$671, the levy \$6137, other receipts \$500 and the balance is \$110. The First ward fund's balance March 1 was \$14, the levy \$4000 balance now is \$2107. Second ward balance March 1, \$186, levy \$2500, balance today \$15. Third ward balance March 1 was \$200, levy \$4000, today we have \$73 to last till next fall; Fourth ward's balance \$337 March 1, levy \$2500, today \$506.21 is all they have left; Fifth ward's balance March 1 was \$700, levy \$2000, balance today \$1401. We now come to the general fund and there is where all my trouble developed. The general fund is a dumping ground for every expense not considered under the heads previously mentioned. The only way to discover what the \$75000 sent from the general fund during the last nine months was used for is by investigation of each item as it appears on a register of orders drawn, kept by the city clerk. The register corresponds to the stubs of a check book, only that in this case the remarks carefully entered by the clerk, after every order indicate more or less fully the purpose for which it was drawn. I have gone over this register for the last nine months and the results follow: As I said before these figures are not absolutely correct but for that matter I am not sure of the register. It is largely a labor of love with the clerk and it has not, during the last nine months, been balanced with the treasurer's books at all. The orders each and every one have been copied as carefully as may be into the book but there is no check on errors and no one but the clerk ever pays any attention to the book. It could of course be verified and is no doubt practically correct. I find that there has been expended on the streets of the city out of the general fund \$6460. This includes the street commissioner's salary and expenses and some money which in some mysterious way will be returned to the fund, but the bulk of expense is labor. This, plus the \$12,535 expenditure in the ward fund, makes a grand total of about \$19000 for street work during the last nine months. Of this, much more greater part is repairs. The wards are of course charged with street intersections on newly macadamized streets and for cross walks. The city hall has depleted the fund some \$36423 during this same nine months. There have been salaries paid amounting to about \$2269. This includes the treasurer's, clerk's and other salaries which do not come under any other classification which I have made. The city engineer's office cost the city \$1675. The city attorney and other legal expenses including the municipal court cost \$2566. The health department \$1045. The police, including expenses of lock-up, \$2363. The elections \$1031. The parks \$923. Cleanse refreshments and white cotton gloves \$50.90. The crusher \$8824 and miscellaneous items impossible

to classify \$14,555. This miscellaneous item includes money paid to county from licenses \$2300, printing bills, brick purchased \$600, fire alarm system \$500. Money paid to Martin's assessor some \$1600, not paid \$1500 and many other items difficult to find a place for. The expenditure of at least \$4000 from the general fund in nine months for labor seems to me to be contrary to the provisions of the city charter. It is done no doubt to relieve the ward funds from the burdens which they are unable to bear. Money cannot be borrowed by the city for the benefit of the ward funds. The city charter says:

The Common Council shall have power: "To annually levy and collect a tax on the real and personal property in each ward, now or hereafter existing in said city, not exceeding five mills on the dollar on the assessed value thereof, to defray the expenses of the construction in said wards, respectively, of drains across the streets, alleys, lanes, highways and public grounds and of streets and walks in front of and across public grounds, and of culverts and sewers in streets, alleys, lanes, highways and public grounds, and keeping the same in repair, and, also, the cleaning and cleansing the streets, alleys, lanes, highways, crosswalks, drains, culverts and sewers; provided, however, that the council may pay from the general fund of said city, when it shall deem it just so to do in whole or in part the cost of constructing drains, sewers, culverts, streets or walks across or in front of public grounds, and the repairing and cleansing the same; and all the money raised for the purpose in this section specified, upon the real and personal property in any ward, shall be kept by the treasurer as a separate fund for such ward, and shall be known as the ward fund of the ward in which raised, and shall be drawn from the treasury on orders specifying that the same is drawn to meet the expenditure for which the money was raised."

I am not a lawyer and do not know where this \$4000 worth of labor has been done but my interpretation of this section would be that it must have been on city property. The \$50.90 which I find spent for cigars, refreshments, and white gloves I can find no authorization for, but it is a small matter. However this section in the charter seems to hit it.

Every member of the common council who shall vote to draw any order on or appropriate any money from any fund, for or on any claim or demand against the city, not properly payable out of such fund, shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty dollars for each and every offense."

The expense of the city's only business venture is interesting, and furnishes a very good argument against the city's purchase of public utilities. The expense to the city for the crushing of the last nine months was about \$600. This includes the labor \$4115 the supplies, repairs and the superintendent's salary. The city has received therefrom \$3402 and will receive when the contractors are paid, on the streets in the course of construction, or completed and settlement not yet made, \$2593 leaving an expense to the city of \$2500 which can only be accounted for as having been used for repair work. The city engineer's idea however is that the repair work would not amount to that figure. I saw no report of the operation of the stone crusher and doubt if one has been made. The stone is sold to the contractors at 50 cents per cubic yard, the amount they use is reported to the city engineer by the superintendent of the crusher and the price is deducted from the money due the contractor when the job is completed. That seems to be all the council, the engineer, or any other city officer knows about this business administration's business venture. The city charter speaks here somewhat emphatically as follows:

"All demands, claims or accounts against the city, shall be presented to the common council and referred to the finance committee and with the exception of stated salaries of officers shall not be reported upon until the next or some following meeting and shall be approved by said committee before they are allowed by the council."

I am told that claims are passed upon by the finance committee just previous to the council meetings and the claims are approved and orders ordered drawn therefor the same evening. The least the council could do it seems to me would be to repeat a rule which so conflicts with what is in its opinion inexpedient. My interpretation of these various sections of the charter might not be those of a legal mind but to me at least they seem reasonable. I suppose I should draw some conclusion or make some definite criticism from the tangled mass of figures I have presented. We should have an auditor or comptroller. That nearly everyone who looks into the subject is agreed upon. Someone should personally responsible for the city's expenditures; some one should examine every bill, know where the money goes, what it is for and whether the city is getting value therefor. It is too much to ask of the chairman of the finance committee who has business of his own to look after and necessarily cannot give the time required. Then I should have the general fund subdivided even more than I have attempted to do it. No business man I am sure would lump an expenditure

of \$7,900 as is done by the city. Even now we are indebted to the conscientiousness of the clerk for what information we have. He is under no obligation to append the voluminous remarks to his records. There is a penalty attached to the drawing of orders against funds for a greater amount than those funds contain. I would have the city books show daily the exact condition of the various funds. Not the condition as at present when the funds are credited with taxes not yet collected, but the actual condition, the actual cash in each fund.

The alderman should be anxious to know, before he votes to allow any claim or to order any order drawn, the exact condition of the fund on which he draws. He should insist I think in having at every meeting a report of the condition of the various city funds. In short the city's books should show as clearly as those of any well regulated bank or large corporation the exact condition of the treasury, and each of its departments or bureaus at any time.

TO MANUFACTURE PAPER AND STRING

Don Farnsworth Interested in an Eastern Company for This Purpose.

Mr. Don Farnsworth of the Hough Porch Shade Company is interested in a company in the east, that control patents on a preparation for paper, that they think will revolutionize the binder twine industry and also the manufacture of other kinds of twine. Paper treated with this preparation, is impervious to water and weather and twine made from it has stood many hard tests in the harvest fields this fall. The company has about \$55,000 invested in patents and machinery and will turn out the twine on a large scale next season.

The preparation not only makes it water and weather proof, but toughens it. A strip of paper treated with this preparation resembles a strip of thin leather and it is almost impossible to tear it with the application of ordinary force.

Samples of their twine have been submitted to several of the big binder factories and one concern offered to take a large part of the output. As yet the goods are not on the market but will be for next season's trade.

CALLS LOAN BAND A BANNER SOCIETY

Local Mission Circle of Young Ladies is Highly Complimented by the State President.

Sixty members of the Loan band of King's Daughters of the Congregational church enjoyed the regular monthly meeting in the church parlors Tuesday evening. At half past six, the usual picnic supper was served and the spread for this meeting was especially appetizing.

After the supper an interesting program was given, the missionary work for the year being reviewed. Mrs. L. C. Denison, who is the vice president of the Wisconsin Board of Missions for the Interior, was the leader. The members of the band were pleasantly surprised by the presence of Miss Walker, of Milton, who is president of the Wisconsin branch of the W. B. M. I.

In the brief informal talk which Miss Walker gave, she praised the Loan band very highly saying that it is the banner missionary organization of the state. It not only meets its apportionment each year but it has become the rule for the band to give even a larger amount than it pledges. This year the amount sent in exceeded the pledge by about \$15 while most societies fall below their apportionment.

IN THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW

Funeral services for the late Thos. Pankhurst were held from the home, 18 Arch street, Wednesday afternoon and many friends of the deceased man were in attendance. The sad service was conducted by the Rev. J. A. M. Richey, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, and at its close the remains were taken to Oak Hill cemetery for interment. The pall bearers were Andrew Barnes, John Whalen, Thomas Whalen and James Reed.

...Forty Years Ago...

Gazette, December 11, 1862.—Chas. Holt, the editor, devotes a considerable amount of space to the discussion of the possibility of peace measures with the Confederates. His closing paragraph reads as follows: "No propositions of peace are needed, nor can they be entertained by a loyal president and cabinet. Let the rebels be whipped until they lay down their arms and submit to the laws. That's the whole proposition."

GROWERS ANXIOUS FOR A SOFT SPELL

LEAF IS NOW CURED READY FOR STRIPPING.

DAMP WEATHER NECESSARY

Report on Connecticut Shade Grown by Government Shows a Big Profit for Grower.

A few days of soft weather just at the present time would be a great boon to the tobacco growers throughout the state. About all the tobacco on the poles is perfectly cured by this time and all that is necessary to set the business booming is some damp weather to bring the tobacco in case so that it can be taken from the poles and stripped. All the warehouses in this city are ready to begin the season's packing as soon as the tobacco begins to come in. Most of the dealers have secured sufficient help to start up at once. The ladies who expect to lose their house servants as soon as the packing season begins, are hoping that the cold weather will continue so that the leaf cannot be taken down and stripped and the opening of the warehouses delayed as long as possible. The demand for help in the warehouses is so heavy that many ladies despair of keeping their help even at advanced wages. There is still some riding being done by the dealers and remnants of old and new tobacco are being picked up by them. The few crops yet remaining unsold in the hands of the growers are few and far between. The only reason why these crops still remain unsold is that the price is higher than the dealer cares to pay.

The report of the secretary of agriculture in Washington, in regard to Connecticut shade grown tobacco, shows that the expenses of the department that supervised the growth was about \$657.00 per acre. The department having reserved the right to sell the crop for the purpose of obtaining official information held the auction at Hartford, May 1, 1902. The department estimated that the tobacco cost on an average of 51 1/2 cents per pound baled and ready for the market. The average price was \$1.20 per pound; the price varying from \$2.50 to 25 cents per pound for some of the mixed bales. The sale as a whole was highly satisfactory, the total cost of production being \$23,579.94 or 108.8 per cent. This did not include the cost of dried barns and warehouses or the interest on the investment, but included the whole cost of the shade, the frame work of which is expected to last from five to eight years. The best crop gave a yield of \$1,022.52 per acre.

The report from cigar makers who have used some of this tobacco say it gives good satisfaction and so far they have had no complaints. The following estimate is made on the product for the coming year: About 1,000,000 pounds of cured tobacco or 800,000 pounds of baled tobacco will be produced at a total cost of \$460,019, which will bring \$1.20 per pound, or \$960,360, so the net profit will be \$500,341. The department believes the cost will be considerably less than that of last year and the price per pound will be greater. The secretary says: "We have demonstrated our ability to produce a leaf which is desired by our people and for which about \$6,000,000 annually has been expended in foreign countries."

In the general New York leaf market something quite out of the ordinary routine business happened in our market during the week. Ais something was the disposal of 3,000 boxes of 1901 Wisconsin by a local packer from the Badger state to an up-town cigar manufacturing firm and a downtown packing house. But that was not all. A Water street importing firm sold a lot of 185 bales of Sumatra in bulk to an out-of-town cigar manufacturing firm. From these transactions it can be rightly concluded that the trust bugaboo must have lost somewhat of its depressing effect. And if the manufacturers would only completely rid themselves of the nightmare and courageously face the expansive conditions of their industry they would certainly find it to their pecuniary interest to supply themselves in advance with a full line of stock instead of scurrying around the market for their daily bread and haggling here and there for a bargain or a remnant. For there is no let up in the increase of the production of our cigar industry.

There is still little life in the tobacco business in this section, though orders are plentiful and they are only deterred by the uncertainty regarding the character of the crop.

FROM NEW YORK

Burnt Leather and Wood Novelties...

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Hand Painted Mirrors and Brushes. They are Beauties at \$1.00 to \$8.50.

"Why was King Solomon unlike Stuart's cavalry? He was not a raid like one of these."

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Dispatches tell of a splendid Federal victory in Arkansas near Fayetteville. Gen. Herron's forces en route to reinforce Gen. Blunt's forces met the enemy and signally conquered them after a desperate battle. Our loss in killed and wounded was six hundred, that of the rebels, fifteen hundred by their own admission.

which is not expected to be up to the average because of the continued wet weather which prevailed during the growing season. The tobacco is all ready to be taken down from the poles, and as soon as casing weather occurs this will be done, after which business will undoubtedly commence. What few sales have been made were at an average of about nine cents, but they have been too unimportant to form a standard.

Connecticut Valley

Every tobacco farmer is taking advantage of the mild weather to take down his leaf and strip it, and already a part of the crop is in the bundle ready for selling or assorting. As yet sales are not very plentiful, not because buyers are not ready to purchase, but for the reason that farmers generally are disinclined to sell except at figures which are not at present acceptable. As usual the growers assert that there is less pole time than last year and in order to avoid the disputes which will undoubtedly arise if this report should not prove accurate, they are being urged to do their own assorting and many have signified their intention of pursuing this course. The shade grown tobacco is being very carefully and skillfully handled, and there will be much curiosity to learn if the experiments have been worth the extra trouble and expense. It is the general opinion that this method of raising tobacco can only prove profitable when done on a large scale, and it is very probable that the number of small tent-covered patches will be considerably decreased next year. In this connection there is an interesting report that the American Cigar company will set out 300 acres under cloth in 1903.

Real Estate Transfers.

Mary H. Potholone to John J. Riordan, land in Hackitt's add., Beloit. Vol. 16234, \$22. Benjamin W. Holman et al. to John J. Riordan, pt lot 53 Hackitt's add., Beloit. Vol. 16234, \$22. Porter B. Yates and wife to Mary R. Merriman, lot 25-5, Yates' add. Beloit. Vol. 16235, \$284.99. Porter B. Yates to Mary R. Merriman, lot 4-2, Yates' add. Beloit. Vol. 16234, \$22.

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WISCONSIN WEATHER FORECAST
Rain tonight, Friday, probably colder, snow.

MUNICIPAL REFORM

The attendance of 150 members of the Twilight club, at the meeting Tuesday evening, indicated that the topic for discussion was of unusual interest, and the fact that the club was in session for four and one-half hours, proved that the assembly was eager for information concerning city government and municipal affairs.

Some very interesting facts were brought out in the discussion, and while no direct charges were made against city officials, enough information was furnished to confirm the statement that the affairs of the city are very loosely handled.

In the matter of city accounting it developed that the city is practically without a bookkeeper, and that the \$80,000 of annual expenditure is handled very much like a football. These loose methods which would not be tolerated in any business, are the result of old time usage, and the people, rather than the council, appear to be the responsible party.

In the absence of a city comptroller, intelligent and thorough accounting appears to be out of the question. The finance committee pass on a budget of bills, the council ratifies the action, and the treasurer pays out money on orders. It was very evident to the men present that the system was faulty in the extreme, and that the public know absolutely nothing as to how their funds are expended.

It was suggested that the city needed a comptroller and that all bills audited by him should be published in detail. The suggestions are both good and should be adopted.

Regarding the stone crusher, the expense of operation, and the net product to the city, much valuable information was brought out. It was demonstrated and admitted that charter provisions were being violated in the employment of a superintendent of this department who was a member of the council. The only defense offered was, that the position was difficult to fill and that the work was being well done.

The stone crusher is said to have a capacity of 200 yards per day, but figures show that it is seldom run at more than half the capacity. A report covering nine months, from March 1 to December 1, 1902, revealed the fact that the expense of operating was \$8,800, and that the net receipts to the city during that period were about \$6,000. The stone is crushed to the contractors and the city at cost, which is estimated at 50 cents per yard, which is said to be 10 cents less than the market price. If the figures furnished are reliable it would be cheaper for the city to buy Devils Lake crushed stones delivered on track at market price, than to own and operate its own plant. There is an object lesson in this stone crusher business for people who advocate city ownership of public utilities.

The matter of street improvements was also intelligently discussed, and the fact developed that the acceptance of the work by the council, did not always insure a good street. It was suggested that inasmuch as the tax payers were obliged to pay for their improvements that an inspector should be employed to represent their interests. The suggestion is certainly very pertinent.

A liberal policy was advocated concerning franchises, and the argument advanced that the city was benefited by every new enterprise that came in to it.

There was more or less complaint on the part of tax payers, and the prevailing sentiment favored contraction and wholesale economy, rather than expansion and careless extravagance.

The fact was generally recognized that the public's business is practically nobody's business, and that it is very easy to spend other people's money.

While a committee was appointed to formulate plans for organizing a Municipal League, it was conceded that moral courage and personal responsibility are the only remedies for permanent municipal reform.

The columns of the Gazette are open for the discussion of this question. It the people want a better government, it will only be secured by united and intelligently directed effort.

GOLD STANDARD IN MEXICO

The republic of Mexico has taken the initial step towards placing the country on a gold standard basis. Silver is subject to so many fluctuations and the market of late has been so weak, that the banks and business men in Mexico have come to realize that the adoption of the gold standard was imperative. The plan adopted is outlined by the El Paso Herald published on the Mexican border:

Up to about a month ago, the banks of Mexico have been compelled to keep all their accounts in silver. Silver was the standard, indeed the only domestic coinage. It is true that Mexico has coined considerable gold, but the coin does not pass current, owing to its very high bullion value. The paper currency has been merely

a bank note currency, payable in silver.

Customers of the banks have been compelled to have all their deposits computed and credited in silver at the current rate of exchange. Thus on a falling market a depositor almost invariably withdrew less in gold value than he put in. This made it especially hard for merchants engaged in export trade, even on a small scale, or paying interest in the United States or Europe, and for all enterprises based on gold investment, as railroads and factories, for instance.

Gold has long been in fact the standard, though not so recognized. The rate of exchange has been watched by every merchant and business man throughout the republic exactly as the price of cotton is watched in Liverpool. Remote centers, and the laboring population, were, so far as they knew, little affected by it, or not at all, but the fact remains that every fluctuation in the rate of exchange has sooner or later, in some way remote or immediate, affected the welfare of every individual in the republic to a greater or less degree.

The silver peso was the only unit or standard of domestic computation, but it was only a name, and its value fluctuated with the price of bullion in New York and London—speaking broadly it bought more or less as the premium of gold was lower or higher.

RURAL MAIL SERVICE

It will be a satisfaction to Janesville people, as well as to the farmers of Rock county, to know that by the first of March, 1903 every farmer in the county will have the daily mail delivered at his door.

Special Agent Walker is now at work in the county laying out the routes. He estimates that some thirty-five like 55 routes will be necessary. Of this number some 20 are already established.

The credit for this prompt action in securing the service is due to Congressman Cooper and that gentleman may be assured that his efforts are fully appreciated.

When the county is fully covered by the rural service, the farming community will be in close touch with the city, and benefit will be mutual.

Ira H. Burns, attorney for the coal operators, has gained notoriety for himself, and contempt for his employers, by referring to the president as Teddy Roosevelt. The brains of some men are so close to the surface that exposure is not difficult. Burns seems to belong to this class.

The argument will no longer be used, that Senator Spooner is not a candidate. His letter to the Rock county delegation is clear and explicit. If by any chance he should not be permitted to succeed, himself, the responsibility will be placed where it belongs.

The Monroe Doctrine seems to be strictly in it, in the discussion just now going on in South America. The powers seem inclined to make a trade with President Castro, for Venezuelan territory, which may lead to a disturbance. Dewey is on the ground with an American fleet.

It is related by one of the congressmen that he ordered a 15-cent whiskey; at a Washington bar the other day, which he paid for with a chunk of coal, receiving ten cents in change.

Attorney Darrow is making the most of his opportunities before the strike commission. Mr. Darrow represents the miners and he appears to have collected as witnesses, all the crippled men in the district.

Fifty thousand tons of coal arrived in Milwaukee yesterday and the famine was immediately relieved. This is the last all lake shipment.

Melba, the great singer, is now starring in Australia. She has just donated \$75,000 to charity and is more popular than ever.

This is a good winter to practice Christian Science. You don't need any coal if you only think so.

This is good tobacco weather, either chewing or smoking, or in the bundle.

Congressman Jenkins is courting a little cheap notoriety on a suicide bill.

Money Well Expended.

Each year about \$50,000 is expended in sprinkling the streets of London with sand, to prevent horses from slipping.

Birdie Canary
Shortly after ex-Supreme Court Justice Charles Donohue resumed his active practice of law, he had as a client an Irishwoman who had become heir to a large fortune. She received her money, and after he had collected his fee, he saw no more of her for some time. Her attire and her manner were plain to roughness. But the other day she called again. Now she was dressed in the latest mode and her manner was affectedly languid.

"Mr. aw-Donohue, I'm after thinkin' 'bout changin' me name," she announced.

"Indeed," politely said Judge Donohue. "Who's the happy man?"
"It's no-aw-mon, dye mind? O'll have no spalpeen spendin' me money, don't you know? But Bridget Cavanagh sounds-aw-common. I'm thinkin' for a woman av me-aw-position. O'll not make much of a change, you know, so plaze get me the writins so that hereafter O'll be called Birdie Canary."—New York Times.

NEW TEACHER AT HIGH SCHOOL

Miss Elizabeth Gilles Takes Miss Ackers Place Temporarily
This morning Miss Elizabeth Gilles, of Evansville, took charge of the classes in English at the Janesville High school which were left without a teacher by the enforced resignation of Miss Ruby Acker last Friday.

Miss Acker's sudden departure for her home in Brandon, Wis., owing to a nervous collapse, left the school in a crippled condition. After several unsuccessful attempts to secure a teacher to take her place temporarily, Supt. H. C. Buell telegraphed to the University of Wisconsin.

Finally he heard of Miss Gilles and induced her to come to the rescue. Miss Gilles kindly consented, although she would have preferred personally not to undertake this work at present. She was graduated from the Whitewater Normal school two years ago, and has had one year's teaching experience in high school work.

It is expected that Miss Acker will be able to return to her work after the holidays and if this proves true, Miss Gilles' duties in the Janesville school will only continue until school closes for vacation, Friday, December 19.

Postmaster an Embezzler.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 11.—Charles Melghann, postmaster at Ogden, Utah, was found guilty by a federal jury of embezzling government funds. The jury made a recommendation for mercy.

TODAYS MARKET REPORT.

From the Hadden, Kodes Co., 304 Jackson Block, Janesville.
C. L. Cutler resident manager.

Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat.....	74 1/2	74 1/4	74 1/2
Dec.....	75	74 3/4	75
May.....	44 1/4	44 1/4	44 1/4
Dec.....	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2
May.....	33 1/4	33 1/4	33 1/4
Dec.....	33 1/4	33 1/4	33 1/4
May.....	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
Dec.....	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
May.....	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Dec.....	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
May.....	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
Dec.....	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2

CHICAGO COTTON RECEIPTS.

Today	Contract	Est. Tomorrow
Wheat.....	53	0
Corn.....	312	4
Oats.....	100	6

NORTH-WEST RECEIPTS (Wheat)

Chicago	Minneapolis	Duluth
.....	51	55
.....	46 1/2	510
.....	119	184

Live Stock Markets.

RECEIPTS TODAY

NOGS	CATTLE	SHEEP
Chicago.....	10,000	2,000
Kan. City.....	8,500	1,000
Omaha.....	7,000	200

Market steady, steady, steady.

Calves & hogs 175¢ to 175¢ 1/2. Steers 175¢ to 175¢ 1/2. Sheep 175¢ to 175¢ 1/2.

Good heavy 5 3/4¢ to 6 1/4¢. Light 5 1/4¢ to 5 3/4¢. Sheep 4 1/4¢ to 4 3/4¢.

Rec'd Hens today 40,000; Est. tomorrow 35,000; left over 15,540.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—30 acres of improved land in central Wisconsin. Inquire 53 Oakland Ave.

Shots Her Lover.
St. Paul, Dec. 11.—In a fit of jealous rage Miss Kittie Bondurant of Carrington, N. D., shot five times at Thomas Baker, her lover, inflicting a wound through one of his lungs that probably will prove fatal.

Rochester, New York.
SWEET CIDER,
the finest ever made. cheap.
Finest Tea Imported, 35c a lb.
New York Boiled Cider for Christmas.
Good Coffee, 10c per pound, roasted and ground.
Best Barrel Salt, 90c

HARDWARE
all kinds, if not in stock will be ordered immediately and sold at 25 per cent off of regular prices.
21 lbs. Best Cane Granulated sugar.....\$1.00
The best flour in the world; sold only by yours truly;

W. Tea Vankirk,
12 South River St

Christmas Broken Mixed Candy, 9c lb.

BONAHOOM & BACCASH.
Hayes Building Janesville

Particular Smokers Smoke

THE BELMONT

4400 Square Feet Devoted to the Display of Xmas Presents..



WE have them. We are going to sell them if prices will do it

Xmas Goods of All Kinds

Dolls, Toys of all kinds, Sleds and Wagons, for the children, Fancy Dishes, L a m p s, Books, Paper, and other goods for your wives, sister, brothers, best girl, that young man you think so much of, in fact, for all both young and old. If in want of goods of any kind for a present don't fail to call at the

FAIR STORE

Corner Dodge & South River Street
JANESVILLE WISCONSIN

Hundreds Read This Column Every Evening
3 Lines 3 Times, 25c
The following letters await owners in The Gazette counting "room," "L. L." "L. W." "Sleep Dealer," "A. T. K."

WANTED—Bright boy to learn printers' trade, at Gazette office.

WANTED—Two men to cut core wood. Win-tor job. Call at Brown Bros' shoe store.

WANTED—Men with rig to introduce. Mon-arch Poultry Mixtures 20 weekly and ex-penses; year's contract; weekly pay. Address with stamp, Monarch Mfg Co., Box 904, Springfield, Ill.

WANTED—Competent girl for general house-work. Inquire at 214 South Main street.

WANTED—Girl for general housework; small family. Inquire at 105 St. Lawrence Place.

FOR SALE.

FOR RENT—Seven room house at 56 Park Ave. Gas and city water. Inquire G. Wright, 13 Park Ave.

FOR SALE—CHEAP—One Portland cutter; one double and one single harness. Arthur E. Valentine, at School of Telegraphy.

FOR SALE—Fine surry horse, surry, harness, on all affairs. Apply to W. W. Emmons, at the Wide Awake.

BOOK COUNTY MAPS or map books, \$1 each at the Gazette office.

FOR SALE—Coke, \$1 per load. Doty Mill, S. River street. Phone 220.

FOR SALE OR RENT—A house at 209 Jackson street. Inquire of Wm. Ross.

FOR SALE—A few more extra heavy Spaulding sweaters for men, at half price. Call early. Lewis Knitting Co.

FOR SALE—To close out remainder of Rock county maps and map books, they are being sold at \$1 for choice at Gazette office. Big bargain.

FOR SALE—A new dress suit, too small for owner, cost \$25. Will sell at a bargain. Address C. M. Gartin.

FOR SALE—My residence and two lots. Home has 10 rooms, all hard wood floors; city water and gas; furnace heat; bath and the sewer. Inquire of J. W. Schlin, 204 Washington street.

FOR SALE—Old papers to lay under carpets. 5 cents a package at Gazette office.

FOR SALE—"Brandt" mandolins and "Mar-tin" guitars. Strictly high-grade instruments. H. S. Haggart.

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—January 1st, 1903—Store number 48 West Milwaukee street. Inquire of M. P. Richardson, Sutherland Block.

FOR RENT—Store on North Main street, for a carpenter shop, inquire of C. D. Stevens. Inquire of F. L. Stevens, Postoffice Block.

FOR RENT—Upper flat Inquire 297 South Main street.

FOR RENT—Seven room house at No. 3 Augusta street. Inquire J. J. Hall, 281 Prospect street.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CLAIRVOYANT, trance medium, Readings on all affairs, \$5¢ daily, from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. Call at 461 South Jackson street.

YPSY QUEEN, the Fortune Teller, Tells you a new matter and family affairs. Tell you if the one you love is true or false. Love affairs and all particulars of your future life. Call at 15 N. Main street from 3 a. m. to 10 p. m.

HORSES wintered at the Buckleton farm; one of the finest barns in the state; individual stalls, warm barn, grain and careful attention. George Woodruff, administrator.

LOST—Black leather purse with a sum of five dollars, papers, etc., on Milwaukee St. Finder leave at Gazette and receive reward.

The Racket

is all ready for the Holidays, with a store full of pretty things for the Christmas Stocking, ornamental and useful.

Books, Games, Drums, Horns, Bells, Iron Toys, Doll Carriages, Wagons, Carts, Alphabet Blocks, Building Blocks, Pictures, Picture Frames, China Cups and Saucers, Fancy Glassware, Notions, etc.

We can please you in prices. You can select now in comfort.

RIDER'S

163 West Milwaukee Street.

Turkish Towels 10 Cts.

An excellent Towel for the money. Fancy stamped Linen 10c. Just the kind you want to work out Christmas presents on.

5 & 10c STORE

Frank Dinterschied, Prop., 121 W. Mil. St.

NEW CITY HACK LINE

We have started a City Hack Line and will meet all trains day or night. All calls will receive prompt attention. We hope for a share of public patronage.

Phonograph J. Crall & Son Janesville

Don't Wait

until the last few days before Christmas

Have Your Photo Taken Now.

We are getting our work out as fast as we can, but there is bound to be a rush the last few days.

25 Good Photos for 25c (five different ways)

Photo Buttons 2 for 25c. Button Frames—Photo Jewelry—Fancy Mountings—just the articles for small gifts. Gallery opposite P. O.

WELSH
Open Sundays Janesville

A LARGE PART of the cost of producing

Electricity

is for fuel. Ours is furnished by water-power, no fuel being used. By selling light and power cheaper than it can be sold by a steam driven plant we are sharing one of Janesville's natural advantages with our customers. If you are not one, this is your opportunity to

join us in a "good thing"

JANESVILLE ELECTRIC CO.

Candies

AT 30c Lb...

French Nougat
Genuine Bitter Sweets
Chocolate Chips
Chocolate Dip Garmels
Chocolate Cream
Carmels.

Fresh Broken Taffy 10c lb.

Janesville Candy Kitchen,
157 West Milwaukee St

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Carmels.

Fresh Broken Taffy 10c lb.

Janesville Candy Kitchen,
157 West Milwaukee St

Teeth of Elephants.

An elephant has only eight teeth altogether. At fourteen years the elephant loses its first set of teeth and a new set grows.

Janesville Candy Kitchen,
157 West Milwaukee St

G. W. SAGER,
Both Phones. North Bluff St.

HANDSOME RUGS
made from worn Ingrain and Brussels Carpets, any size desired. Write to Baraboo Towel Mills, "Rug Dept." for circular. Only first class turned out.

BARABOO TOWEL MILLS, Baraboo, Wis.

Archie Reid & Co

DRY GOODS, CLOAKS, MILLINERY

More Sample Cloaks

In this week, another line of Cloaks which we offer at our well known sample prices, which means a saving of One-Third. This line includes a good showing of Velours in....

MONTE CARLO...

AND—

BLOUSE EFFECTS.

Judging from the large sale we have had on Misses' and Children's Coats, we believe our line is far the best in town; certain it is that we never sold so many garments in the same time as have been sold so far this season.

Great Showing of Fall Millinery at Reduced Prices.

Archie Reid & Co
DRY GOODS, CLOAKS, MILLINERY

Pocahontas

The Correct Coal For the Furnace

\$7 Per Ton,

MINE RUN

Smokeless, Sootless.

The greatest heat producer mined, Used by the United States government.

F. A. TAYLOR

Wood to Burn

100 cords large white Oak for chunk and air tight stoves. Also plenty of dry second growth Oak.

Pocahontas

C O A L

is the best smokeless. We have several cars, up line. Try our Red Jacket, Black Band or Hocking. Can be used anywhere.

G. W. SAGER,
Both Phones. North Bluff St.

HANDSOME RUGS
made from worn Ingrain and Brussels Carpets, any size desired. Write

M'FARLAND JUMPS HIS BAIL BONDS

AGENT FOR LEAGUE OF EDUCATORS NOT IN COURT.

MOTHER IS OUT TWO HUNDRED

A New Warrant Will Be Issued For His Arrest—Promoters Indicted in Illinois.

The case of the state of Wisconsin vs. Elliott McFarland, the local agent of the League of Educators did not come up for trial in the municipal court this morning as was expected. The defendant, McFarland, did not appear, and his bond for \$200, signed by his mother, Jane McFarland was declared forfeited.

Started Last August
The League of Educators, which is a sort of a "get rich quick scheme" was started in this city last August and like all other schemes of the same character caught a lot of people who expected to get something for nothing. They proposed to pay big dividends on small investments and soon had a good sized membership.

Plan Good For Promoters
The plan would have worked out all right for the promoters if they had been left alone but about the time things were getting good, Postmaster Coyne of Chicago, acting under government orders, stopped their mail, as fraudulent. The promoters to square themselves brought suit against Coyne for a large sum for damages, and changed the name of the concern to the League of Equity.

State Takes A Hand
About two weeks ago C. M. Bergh, state bank examiner, came to Janesville, and swore out a warrant for the arrest of McFarland as being the agent of an unauthorized loan and investment company. He was arrested and held under \$200 bond for examination today. His mother signed his bail bond and claimed to own property in Whitewater of the value of \$400 which was not exempt from execution and McFarland was allowed to go.

Afraid of Trial
He evidently thought he was in a bad place and preferred to let his mother pay the \$200, rather than take his chances in court. C. M. Bergh was not here today on account of being engaged in Milwaukee on a case of similar nature. District Attorney Jackson, however, will have a new warrant issued and the sheriff will try and get McFarland and have him here for trial.

Promoters Indicted
The promoters of the League of Educators or the League of Equity at the headquarters in Chicago have been indicted in Illinois by the Federal Grand jury for running a lottery scheme.

BAPTIST CHURCH MISSION MEETING

Special Service, with Good Addresses and Music, to Be Held This Evening.

At the Baptist church this evening a special missionary meeting will take the place of the customary prayer meeting service. The meeting will be held by the Baptist Church Missionary society, to which all the members of the church belong. An especially interesting program of addresses, interspersed with music, will be presented. The general topic being School of Faith. Wilson Lane will speak on the early Christian Schools and J. T. Eitchette's subject will be the Light in the Dark Ages. Supt. H. C. Buell will discuss Christianity and the Public Schools and R. M. Vaughan will speak of the Schools of the Prophets.

In addition to these addresses, P. E. Sadler will read a story, "The Deacon's Tenth," there will be a song by a glee club and instrumental music on the mandolin and guitar. The public is cordially invited to attend the service.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE DOING

Dynamo Broke Down: The electric company were obliged to shut down twice last night on account of trouble with the machinery. The first trouble came about ten o'clock and was with the brush holders on the dynamos. When this was fixed and the machinery was about to start the belt parted causing a further delay. Another change had to be made about midnight and a second shut down was the result.

Birthday Party: A party of young friends were happily entertained yesterday afternoon by Miss Irene Slavson at the home of her parents on Hyatt street in honor of her sixth birthday. The little folks spent a pleasant afternoon and had a fine supper for an ending to their pleasures.

Honored With Re-election: Mrs. Mary Dunwiddie is receiving the congratulations of friends over the honor conferred on her by W. H. Sargent Woman's Relief Corps No. 21. Last Tuesday when the annual business meeting of the Corps was held, Mrs. Dunwiddie was almost unanimously re-elected by the ladies as their president. During the past year under her leadership, the Corps was especially prosperous, the year being marked by a large increase in membership.

Mrs. Caroline Downing
Funeral services for the late Mrs. Caroline Downing will be held from the home of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Scott, 11 Fifth avenue, Friday afternoon at two o'clock. The interment will be in Oak Hill cemetery.

Broken-Down Prices
The prices we are making on winter garments are attracting late buyers. We have all sizes and styles that please. It costs nothing to look. Get our figures.

J. M. BOSTWICK & SONS.
Eight small boys' fancy 3 piece suits. While we have them they are yours at the \$1.25 price. The Fair.

NOTICE

The Gazette is willing and pleased to publish all notices of lodge or society meetings, but it has found it necessary to make the rule that all such notices must be written, and left at the office before 11 o'clock of the day they are to be published. In the future no notices except paid ones, will be received over the telephone.

FUTURE EVENTS

Prayer meeting services at the local churches tonight.
Special missionary meeting at the Baptist church this evening.
Special service at the Salvation Army barracks this evening.
Racine-Janesville polo game and racing for prizes at the rink this evening.

Knights of the Maccabees annual masquerade at Central hall this evening.
Caledonian society entertainment and dance in honor of St. Andrews in the Caledonian rooms this evening.
Bowling match at Hockett's alleys tomorrow evening.

Prof. Theodore L. Wright lectures before the Art League tomorrow afternoon.
Free lecture on The Twentieth Century Man by Dr. John M. Coulter of the University of Chicago at the Presbyterian church, Friday evening.

LODGE MEETINGS TONIGHT

Ben Hur Court, No. 1, Tribe of Ben Hur at East Side Odd Fellows' hall, Janesville.
Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar at Masonic hall.
Woodworkers' union at Assembly hall.

BRIEF BITS OF LOCAL NEWS

Polo game at the rink tonight.
Fresh, not frozen, whitefish, Nash.
Ladies free at the rink every afternoon.

Fairbank's Gold Dust, 15 cts. Nash.
Fresh fish, Nash.
Masquerade on roller skates at the rink Monday night.

Southern, the finest oysters in the city, Nash.
T. P. Burns is now making tempting price concessions on every cloak in stock.

Wilson's bean pork, 5 cts. Nash.
J. M. Bostwick & Sons will give one many hints on what to give for Christmas.

A large crowd from Beloit will attend polo game at the rink this evening.

Don't miss the exciting game of polo at the rink this evening.

Friday-morning telephone all over for the C. D. Stevens' store to Lowell Co. store; old phone 399, new phone 147.

Ladies' cloaks worth as high as \$16 are being offered now at Bort, Bailey & Co.'s clearing sale at the \$10 price. Two crack eastern polo players will play with Janesville against Racine at the rink tonight.

Special clearing sale on high grade cloaks is now taking place at the dry goods store of Bort, Bailey & Co.

We are closing out odd lot of ladies', gents', and children's underwear at less than half the regular price.

Odd pieces of imported china, The Savings Store, 7 South Jackson St., adjoining Skelly & Wilbur's grocery store.

St. Margaret's Guild of Trinity church will hold their Xmas sale of cakes and fancy articles at Ranous drug-store Saturday, Dec. 13th.

For full particulars in regard to Bort, Bailey & Co.'s \$10 and \$15 sale on high grade cloaks see announcement in this issue.

To Mr. C. D. Stevens' friends and customers: Mr. Stevens will be at the Lowell Co. store, on River street to meet all old customers and friends, on Friday morning.

Men's embroidered slippers in all the new designs from 48 cents to \$1 per pair. These slippers are exceptional values and are most appropriate for Christmas gifts.

No gift that is more appreciated by the man of the house than a pair of comfortable slippers.

Amos Rehberg & Co.
A full line of toys and games at the lowest prices for the holidays.

The Savings Store, 7 South Jackson street, adjoining Skelly and Wilbur's grocery store.

Everybody is playing Ping Pong. Buy one at Skelly's book store.

The book stores will be open evenings until after New Year's.

The remains of the late Louis C. Kneff, who died at El Paso, Texas, Saturday last are expected to arrive here sometime Friday. The time of the funeral will be announced later.

The price of admission for the lecture of Miss Margaret Haley under the auspices of the Peoples' Lecture Course on Monday evening next has been placed at twenty-five cents in order to allow everyone to avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing this wonderful woman. The action of the committee in doing this should receive the commendation of all.

All cloaks in Bort, Bailey & Co's store have been placed in two piles, the grades worth from \$11 to \$16 go at \$10. All the cloaks worth from \$17 to \$27.50 are in the \$15 lot. These bargains are now on sale.

Everybody gives at least one book for Christmas. Our stock this year is the largest and our prices the lowest.

Skelly's Book Store. All cloaks in Bort, Bailey & Co's store have been placed in two piles, the grades worth from \$11 to \$16 go at \$10. All the cloaks worth from \$17 to \$27.50 are in the \$15 lot. These bargains are now on sale.

The last car on the Interurban road arrived here last night at 12 o'clock, the last car leaving at 11 o'clock. The cars all leave ten minutes after the hour and not on the hour as formerly.

This week we are showing women's fancy felt slippers in the new Juliet styles with and without fur trimmed and others with fancy leather trimmings. Prices range from \$1.50 and down to 48 cents. Just the kind of a present to make. Amos Rehberg & Co.

We have a full line of all the latest styles in picture mouldings just in. Bring in your pictures and have them framed before the holidays. The Savings Store, No. 7 South Jackson street, adjoining Skelly and Wilbur's grocery store.

BAPTIST SALE IS GREAT SUCCESS

LADIES OF THE CHURCH WERE LIBERALLY PATRONIZED.

MANY ATTRACTIVE BOOTHS

King's Daughters, Ladies' Aid Society and Juniors Interested—An Excellent Supper.

Large crowds of people found the parlors of the Baptist church a very attractive place Wednesday afternoon, the occasion being the annual Christmas sale and supper given under the auspices of the King's Daughters' society, assisted by the Ladies' Aid society and the Junior Endeavor society.

Four of the attractively arranged booths and the chocolate table were under the direction of the King's Daughters, who have been preparing for the sale for the past year. The committees for each booth were appointed one year ago and each committee has taken entire charge of the work for its own special booth. Mrs. John Huntress, as president of the circle, had the general supervision.

The Art Booth
The most beautiful booth was the one in which art goods and novelties were displayed. A dainty drapery of white curtains formed an effective setting and Mesdames F. J. Bailey, E. C. Bailey, O. F. Meltzer, Joan Cunningham and R. W. Edden, who were in charge, were kept busy attending to the wants of customers. Among the especially fine artistic things on sale were beautifully decorated china by Mrs. B. B. Eldridge; pen and ink drawings, water colors and sofa cushions done by Harold Hall and a large work done by the pupils of Mrs. E. C. Bailey. Those whose artistic skill was represented by the pyrography display are Mrs. B. B. Eldridge, Mrs. George Hatch, Mrs. Paul Colvin and Miss Cora Anderson, of this city, and Mrs. Still, of Beloit. The booth also contained many dainty pieces of fancy needlework.

Collection of Dolls
Another center of attraction was the doll booth, decorated in green and white crepe paper, in which dolls, their wardrobes and many other doll necessities were on sale. The committee in charge included Mesdames John Huntress, Charles Wright, Will Hayes, Charles Selmar, Nina Spencer and R. H. Pickering.

A Unique Booth
The miscellaneous booth was uniquely decorated with deep green bunting and orange pumpkin blossoms in paper, and handy bags, handkerchiefs, and all kinds of useful and fancy articles found ready purchasers. The ladies in charge were Mesdames L. L. Leslie, Wilson Lane, T. S. Nolan, W. F. Palmer and Marion MacDonald.

The Apron Booth
The apron booth was also popular and the display of novelties in this line was extensive. The booth was prettily decorated in pale green bunting and white paper chrysanthemums and the committee in charge included Mesdames Charles Eiler, William Morris, W. H. Rose, R. M. Vaughan and Will Eiler.

Chocolate Served
During the afternoon, delicious chocolate and wafers were prettily served by Mrs. Louise Bowerman, Mrs. R. W. Goldin and Miss Flora Dunwiddie.

By The Ladies' Aid Society
The Ladies' Aid society had charge of a miscellaneous booth in which both fancy and useful articles were offered for sale. Red, white and blue bunting and large flags formed the decorations and Mrs. M. P. Leavitt and Mrs. C. E. Bowles presided at this booth, which employed its full share of patronage.

In A Basket
Especially unique was the booth which occupied the center of the room and from which the Juniors disposed of an immense amount of candy and other tempting dainties. The booth was in the shape of a large basket with a handle, even the weaving of the straw being reproduced in yellow and white bunting. It was a pleasing novelty and in this basket there presided Misses Grace Bailey, May Huntress, Beth MacDonald and Bessie Granger.

An Elegant Supper
From 5:30 to 7:30 an elegant supper was served by the ladies of the church under the supervision of the Ladies' Aid society and the King's Daughters, the two societies dividing the proceeds. The menu was especially varied and included many delicacies as well as the usual substantial. It was one of the best church suppers ever given in the city and both the supper and sale were generously patronized. The Baptist ladies certainly have reason to congratulate themselves on their success.

J. M. Fox
He is still doing business at the old stand. It will pay to get his prices on meats for the next thirty days. Steaks 8 to 10c., other meat to correspond.

J. M. FOX, Footville, Wis.
Special Cash Price
7 Old Country soap, 25 cents.
22 Old Country soap and one sack Victory fancy patent flour, 2c. Nash.

Hulled beans, Grubb.
Roquefort cheese, 45c lb. Grubb.
Swiss cheese, 20c lb. Grubb.
Old fashioned lye hominy, Grubb.
Honey Comb candy, Grubb.
Big display of candy at half regular prices, Grubb.

1,000 fancy pound and half pound candy boxes, empty or filled at the lowest prices ever sold in Janesville, Grubb.

Spencer's special announcement on page 8 of this issue tells all about the greatest shoe sale opening that has ever been offered the citizens of Janesville. The sale takes place on Saturday morning at sharp 7 o'clock.

The funeral of Mary Ford will be held on Saturday morning at 10:30 at St. Patrick's church.

NEWS OF A PERSONAL NATURE

H. F. Nott was in Beloit today on business.
Thomas S. Nolan spent yesterday in Chicago on business.

Elmer Bullard of the Beloit Daily News took in the theater last evening. Mrs. James Caldwell and daughter Mrs. E. M. Kay are visiting friends in Minneapolis.

E. M. Kay, who was formerly with E. B. Helmstreet has returned from the northern part of the state where he has had charge of a pharmacy and has entered the employ of A. E. Ranous & Co.

REPORTORIAL GLEANINGS

Nice bunch turkeys, ducks and chickens. Nash.

Two hundred empty packing cases were shipped to Jefferson today by the firm of Amos Rehberg & Co., the cases to be used by a wholesale firm. Mrs. B. B. Eldridge will have her decorated china and art novelties on sale at her home, 101 East street until Christmas. You are invited to call.

Saturday you will be given your choice of any pair of shoes in Spencer's entire stock at \$2.50. This sale will be a money saver for every person who makes a purchase.

Spencer's special clearing sale next Saturday means Hanan \$5 and \$6 shoes at the \$2.50 price. This is a cheaper price than what these shoes are today being sold at wholesale to the large Chicago and New York stores.

To those afflicted with troubled eyes there is no more appropriate gift than a well-fitting pair of glasses. Purchase these at home where, if trouble arises, it can be easily remedied. W. F. Hayes, with F. C. Cook & Co. will be in his office every Saturday and Monday.

The management of the Peoples' Lecture course are very fortunate in being able to secure as their second number on the course, Miss Margaret Haley of Chicago, who appears on the course Monday evening of next week. Miss Haley is one of the few people on the platform today who have actually accomplished something for the masses, and the story of her fight with the tax dodgers in Chicago is told in her own peculiar way, and where-over she has appeared she has captivated her audience. The fact that she has unearthed several million dollars worth of Chicago property which was escaping taxation and compelled it to pay its just share of the taxes has not changed the modesty and unassuming nature of the woman at all.

Rev. Dr. Parker's Will.
London, Dec. 11.—The late Dr. Parker left property to the value of \$125,000. His will provides handsomely for his housekeeper and his secretary, but the bulk of the estate is divided among his wife's relatives.

Rob Bank and Escape.
Tolono, Ill., Dec. 11.—Robbers blew open the safe in the private bank of H. S. Nichols & Son at Sadorus, secured \$100 and postage stamps worth \$175 and escaped.

FRESH-FISH TOMORROW. Plenty of Smoked White Fish.

PURITY BUCK-WHEAT

This is our old reliable brand. It has been our leading buckwheat each season. We bought a big lot, and while market is now higher, we give you the benefit, and quote at

30 Cents per sack.

When this lot is gone it will probably cost more.

FANCY TABLE SYRUP

In gallon pails at

40 Cents.

Phone 9.

Dedrick Bros.

NEW GAS LIGHT CO.

Cut Glass Bon Bon Dishes \$1.50.

This Cut Glass is the finest. Our Cut Glass profits are small and that is the entire secret. Our Cut Glass line is unusually large this year. Its the least you can do to get our prices.

S. C. BURNHAM & CO.

ORGANIZED LABOR NOW PROSPERING

UNIONS ARE BEING ORGANIZED IN NEW TRADES.

COUNCIL HALL IMPROVEMENTS

Bakers, Too, Expect to Receive a Charter—Bartenders Have Written for Their Charter.

As the winter months advance organized labor is entering upon its activities with renewed interest. Each of the local unions is making great strides forward; several charters have recently been granted; and others are expected at an early date. The Trades Council is in a prosperous condition, and is planning to cover a more extensive ground in the future.

On Wednesday evening the regular monthly meeting of the Trades Council was held. Several matters of great importance were discussed. Among other business the matter of the rental of a hall was brought up. Not long ago dissatisfaction was felt regarding the use of Assembly Hall for union purposes, believing that it would prove a losing investment this year.

After extensive discussion of the question, and a survey of the other available halls, it was decided to retain their present quarters. Hayes Brothers have made a satisfactory proposition to the council and at last night's meeting it was voted to reconsider the former decision to secure other rooms.

In every direction the trades organizations are prosperous. On Monday evening first steps were taken toward the formation of a bartenders' union. Fourteen charter members were present on that evening, and the number has since been raised to eighteen. A large number of the local bartenders, especially the older ones, are strongly opposed to the organization. They say that they are satisfied with matters as they now stand. They can see no excuse for any attempt to negotiate to the proprietors what they shall or shall not do.

A charter for the bartenders was sent for Tuesday, and is expected to arrive in time for the next meeting which will be held on next Monday evening.

Plans are now being made looking toward the organization of the bakers of the city. The movement has not yet reached as advanced a stage as has the bartenders' but it is said that a union will soon be formed.

What is considered a strong indication that union labor is in a healthy condition is the prosperity attending the carpenters' union. Although it is winter, and that craft is comparatively inactive new members are being received at almost every meeting. The same thing is true of the retail clerks' association.

Steps are being taken toward making the Trades Council hall more attractive. The walls have already been redecorated and a hard wood floor will be laid at an early date. Equal pains are being bestowed on the improvement of the appearance of the reception room. As soon as this work has been completed the dancing hall will be the scene of similar improvements.

NEWS OF THE CITY IN BRIEF

Best 50c tea on earth.
Best 25c coffee on earth.

W. W. Nash.
At Skelly's book store this week, special low prices on bibles, prayer books and rosary beads.

Corner Stone, the best patent flour on earth, \$1.00 sack. W. W. Nash. Smoked whitefish. Nash.

Xmas suggestions.
Corner Stone flour.
Pure spices.

Fancy table and cooking raisins. Best 25c coffee on earth. W. W. Nash. Christmas cards and calendars, beautiful line at Skelly's book store.

Bulk and bottle olives. Nash. Bulk and bottle pickles. Nash. American Hulled beans. Nash. Arizona coffee. Nash.

Fels' Napha soap. Nash. Rubber goods for the feet at retail at the same price that other merchants pay. Come and see them. The Fair.

Holiday China. We have spared no effort to obtain dainty things at moderate prices for the gift giving season. New shapes and decorations at Skelly's book store.

Call at J. M. Bostwick & Sons', pick out a cloak and they'll make a broken-down price that will hit your case.

Gold in the head cured in one night SMITH'S LAXATIVE COLD CURE. Guaranteed or money refunded. Price, 25c. 5 boxes \$1.00 Sent by mail on receipt of price. Smith's Pharmacy, Keokuk and Keokuk Supply, Two Registered Pharmacists.

Xmas Wines & Whiskies : : :

Special stock just received for the Holiday Trade. Prices as low as the lowest and stock equal to the best. : : : : :

E. B. CONNORS,
110 W. Milwaukee St.

Walk This Way

For Novelties IN Xmas Footwear

You can't select too early in order to get the right size and width wanted. Our Slipper Department presents the most pleasing appearances and is suggestive of Slipper Comfort for the family. Warm Slippers for Pa and Ma. Fancy Slippers for the boys and girls. Felt Rompers, Fur Trimmed, &c. Get your Christmas Slippers early.

"HOLOPHANE GLOBES."

Gives a soft and powerful light. New Styles just Received. Price per Globe

50 Cents Up.

At Your Own Price.

Many customers have demanded a 25 cent Coffee, a 50 cent Tea. We have met the demand and are now supplying

Best 60c Tea..... 50c
Best 50c Tea..... 40c
Best 30c Coffee..... 25c

All New Stock this week, No Left Overs.

D. DRUMMOND & SON.
Opera House Block Both Phones

Fancy Mirrors For Christmas Gifts...

We have an immense assortment of Mirrors and Fancy Metal frames. Prices 25c to \$2.50 each.

McCue & Buss,
DRUGGISTS

S. C. BURNHAM & CO.

PIANO TUNING. I am prepared to tune and repair Pianos of all makes. Have had years of experience and can guarantee satisfaction. Orders left at Y. M. C. A. building will receive careful attention.

F. A. LEMERE,

J. N. WELLS,
DENTIST
Thursday, Friday and Saturday
Suite 401-402 Jackson Building.

Holiday Goods...

We have a large variety of Christmas presents at prices to suit all kinds of pockets. Brush and Comb sets in Ebony, Celluloid, Aluminum, and Solid Ebony, \$1.25 to \$7.00. Fancy Atomizers, Smokers Sets, Mirrors, Xmas Cigars. Perfumes in dainty packages 10c to \$3.00.

H. E. RANOUS & CO.
Druggists.

FINE ENGLISH CHINA

In profusion of most durable patterns. Our assortment includes the famous wares from long established producers of the better qualities

American Cut Glass

A visit to our store will show the pre-eminence of Cut Glass in uniformity of color, brilliancy and perfect finish. This glass is all finished by hand and is the result of long experience, careful selection, brilliant patterns made by experts.

HALL, SAYLES & FIFIELD
Reliable Jewelers.

Hard Coal.. \$10 Per Ton.

Janesville Coal Co.,
Phone 89. Office, Riverside Laundry. Yards, South River & Oak Sts.

Your Xmas List

Should contain a mention of some of these articles—

TOILET SETS—In beautiful fancy cases at almost any price from 75c to \$25.

CUT GLASS—Bottles for Toilet water, smelling salt, Bay Rum, Perfumes. All styles and sizes from 25c to \$5 each.

COMBINED FLEETS SINK THREE SHIPS

CASTRO PREPARES TO FIGHT

Issues Decree of Amnesty to all Political Offenders and Report Says That Rebel Leaders Are Marching to His Aid.

Caracas, Dec. 11.—War practically exists between Venezuela and England and Germany. The Anglo-German fleet has destroyed two and sunk three of the vessels of the Venezuelan fleet. Marines have been landed at La Guayra from the allied fleet. Troops are marching from here to meet them. It is feared that the town will be shelled. Castro is defiant and will fight. He has called the country to arms to repulse the invaders.

While the British and German fleet were destroying the Venezuelan ships in the harbor the German cruiser Panther steamed in close to the town with her guns leveled at the city.

A number of British subjects have been rescued and taken on board the British cruiser Retribution. While this was being done the combined fleet of the powers steamed close to shore and cleared for action.

The excitement in Caracas is intense. Armed bodies of men are marching the streets and calling to be led against the enemy. All banks and places of business are closed. Inflammatory speeches are being made on the street corners, and the town is in practical control of the mob. Many of the British and German subjects are still in jail here. Loud threats are being made in the streets to storm the jail and to massacre all subjects of England and Germany who can be found.

United States Minister Bowen, who is in charge of the British and German legations, and who obtained the release of part of the foreigners who were captured, is doing all in his power to prevent bloodshed.

The German and British residents at La Guayra have also been arrested, with the exception of Messrs. Fieldwick, Prince and Lepage, the English directors of the harbor corporation, who barricaded themselves in their house.

These three were later rescued by the forces of the allied powers and have been taken on board the Retribution.

Late in the evening 130 German sailors were landed and proceeded to Cardonal, a suburb of La Guayra, in which is situated the residence of German Consul Lentz, whom, with his family, they escorted back to La Guayra and placed on board the warship Vireta. On their way back to this port the German sailors met a party of Venezuelan soldiers, but no collision took place. At 5 o'clock in the morning a landing party of thirty British seamen went to the British consulate and conducted the British Consul, R. Schunck, and his family on board the Retribution.

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Berlin, Dec. 11.—A fire broke out in the second story of the royal palace. One wing was soon burning. The fire originated through the upsetting of a stove. The burning coals set fire to a scaffolding outside the second story. The fire was extinguished in forty-five minutes.

HORSETHIEF MAKES BAD MONEY

Theory of Joliet Police Who Find Convict's Counterfeiting Utensils.

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 11.—Evidence tending to show that Sylvester Hubbard, a horse thief just received at the penitentiary from Galena, is a counterfeiter was discovered by the Joliet police. A trunk and barrel belonging to Hubbard were found in a local warehouse. They had been consigned to C. Wilson of Chicago. When the receptacles were opened at the police station they were found to contain dies and plates for making counterfeit coins. Hubbard lived here last summer and stole a horse and buggy. Afterward he stole a horse at Galena and was captured.

MOSSBY'S SAFETY IS ASSURED

Government Land Agent Continues to Tear Down Ranch Fences.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 11.—Col. John S. Mosby, the special agent of the land department whose whereabouts have been unknown here for ten days and concerning whom some anxiety has been felt, is now near Alliance, Neb., tearing down fences around range lands belonging to the government despite the threats of violence made by some of the ranchmen. He is also looking into the fraudulent homestead entries made by soldiers' widows. It is expected he will return to Omaha in a few days to give further testimony before the federal grand jury.

MILLIONAIRE BABY IS AILING

Solicitude for Only Heir to John Nicholas Brown's Wealth.

New York, Dec. 11.—John Nicholas Brown, the \$10,000,000 baby son of Mrs. John Nicholas Brown, is ill at the Waldorf-Astoria and Mrs. Brown, who had planned to return to Providence for the season, is indefinitely detained. The baby, the only child of the widow of John Nicholas Brown, who was the oldest son of John Carter Brown, the millionaire manufacturer, is about twenty-two months old. The baby Croesus has been seriously ill before and is receiving the most solicitous care lest the trouble assume a serious phase.

Gas Explosion Injures Many.
Boston, Mass., Dec. 11.—An explosion of gas in a room, used in ripening bananas, injured a number of persons. J. J. McCarthy, former surveyor of the port of Boston, Joshua B. Holton, former state senator, and Francis Southwick, all of whom were passing the building, were among those hurt.

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Of Local Interest

Some People we Know and we will Profit by hearing about them.

This is purely a local event. It took place in Jansville. Not in Buffalo or New York. Asked to believe a citizen's word. To confirm a citizen's statement. Any article that is endorsed at home

is more worthy of confidence. Than one you know nothing about. Endorsed by unknown people. Veteran A. F. Lee, of 51 Sharon St., carpenter, says: "For twenty years kidney complaint troubled me a great deal, many days I could hardly keep at my work and by rights should have staid at home and doctored. It was seldom that my back did not ache and I have been completely laid up for three or four days at a stretch. When stooping or lifting twinges penetrated the kidneys, the secretions from those organs were too frequent and accompanied by pain. I used all kinds of remedies but none gave permanent relief. Obtaining Joan's Kidney Pills at the People's Drug Co.'s I took them and after the first three or four doses a noticeable change was brought about. I improved steadily from then on and on completing the treatment I was in good condition and am well now." For sale by all dealers. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for U. S.

Remember the name, Doan's and take no other.

Vesuvius Threatens.
Naples, Dec. 11.—Vesuvius is again assuming a threatening aspect, and much fear of an eruption is again being expressed. A number of small openings have suddenly appeared around the great crater, indicating violent internal conditions.



Guitars \$5.00 Each.

For the price these Guitars are a bargain. Handsomely made in mahogany finish. Every part an excellent instrument. Remember we soon give away a \$75 Regina Music Box.

H. F. NOTT,
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At a bargain: 160 acre Farm, finest land in Rock Prairie. Buildings first-class.

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Cloak Cutting Time .. Has Come ..

The saddest event of all the year in the Cloak Department. The money losing time. What we cut, we cut deep. No fooling about it.

We place all our Cloaks into two piles. All Cloaks at \$11, \$12, \$13, \$14, \$15, and \$16 go at

\$10.00 Each.

All Cloaks at \$17, \$18, \$20, \$22, \$22, \$25, \$27.50 go at

\$15.00 Each.

Just two prices, no more; no less, \$10 and \$15.

WE LOSE!! YOU WIN!!

But these Cloaks have got to go. Every Cloak is new this season, mostly popular Monte Carlo style. Come quick, now; don't let someone else get the cream of this sale. Come early and get a bargain.

BORT, BAILEY & CO.

Christmas Bargains all along the line.

Cures From the Start—
the great lubricant for the "Human Machine" is
HOFF'S
German LINIMENT
The Quick, Clean Cure
for Stiffness of the Joints,
Contraction of the
Muscles, Numb-
ness of the Limbs,
Strains, Sprains, etc.
Druggists, 25c and 50c.
GOODRICH & JENNINGS, Anoka, Minn.

WISCONSIN WEATHER FORECAST

Rain tonight, Friday, probably cold-er, snow.

18 S. Main St.

Fleurys

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SPECIAL SALE.

DRESS GOODS

December Dress Goods Selling at One-half Regular Prices. Do Not Miss This Great Opportunity.

40 inch all wool Flannels, assortment of shades, regular 25c price 50c this sale.....

42 inch all wool Cheviot, heavy quality, regular price 75c, 39c this sale.....

54 inch all wool Basket Cloth, very heavy, good assortment of colors, these goods are sold every 69c where at \$1.25; this sale at.....

52 inch all wool black Cheviot, extra good quality; regular price 50c \$1.00, this sale only.....

52 inch all wool wool Flannel, assortment of shades, good quality reg. price \$1 this sale 59c.....

52 inch all wool Broadcloths; assortment of shades, extra fine 89c cheap at \$1.50; this sale.....

21 inch Black Peau de Sol, very heavy and fine, sold everywhere 75c at \$1.25, this sale only.....

24 inch Crepe de Chin in all the evening shades and black, sold everywhere at \$1.00, this sale per yard.....

BLANKETS

Buy Your Blankets at This Store. We Will Save You Money on Every Pair.

11-4 size all wool Blankets, fancy borders, extra good quality, cheap at \$6, this sale \$4.00.....

11-4 size all wool Blankets, extra fine fancy borders; these Blankets were \$8, this sale.....

11-4 white cotton Blankets; nice fine quality, cheap at \$1.25, this sale only.....

10-4 cotton Blankets, fancy borders good quality, cheap at 75c, 45c this sale only.....

12-4 size cotton Blankets with fancy borders; these blankets are sold everywhere at \$2.25; this sale \$1.39.....

11-4 cotton Blankets, ext. good quality, vaues for \$2, this sale \$1.19.....

Children's Underwear in Jersey ribbed, fleece lined and all wool garments are placed on sale at 25 PER CENT OFF.

Misses' Jersey ribbed, fleece lined Vests and Pants, good heavy quality, regular 25c value, this 18c sale.....

Ladies' Underwear.

Ladies' Combination Suits, well made, fleece lined, special 48c for this sale.....

Ladies' Onelta Combination Suits, very heavy, good fleece; special this sale.....

Ladies' Jersey ribbed, fleece lined Vests and Pants, well made, these goods always sell at 35c; 20c this sale.....

Ladies' natural wool Vests and Pants, very heavy, well made, cheap at 75c, this sale only.....

Ladies' Combination Suits, Onelta make, good quality, special, 75c special this sale.....

Ladies' Sterling Union Suits in all wool and silk and wool \$3.00 for this sale only.....

Men's Underwear.

Men's Jersey ribbed, fleece lined Shirts and Drawers, regular 35c price 50c; this sale.....

Men's natural wool Shirts and Drawers, very heavy, this underwear is cheap at \$1.25; this sale only.....

Men's wool, fleece lined Shirts and Drawers, heavy quality, fancy colors, cheap at 69c; this sale only.....

22c Yarns, Per Skein.....10c
\$1.25 Corsets for.....50c

FOR TWO DAYS ONLY

Big Bargains

AT THE

C. D. STEVENS STORE.

Last Call! Only two days more Wednesday and Thursday. We must close out balance of stock. All goods to be sold.

Heinz fancy Pickles, worth 35c.....	22c	Rumford's Baking Powder, 1b.....	23c
Richelleu Preserves, worth 30c.....	18c	1 X L Starch sells for 10c, 4 for.....	25c
Lipton's Preserves, worth 25c.....	13c	Ivoryine Starch, sells for 10c, 4 for.....	25c
Banger Preserves, worth 20c.....	8c	Victor Finest Starch.....	25c
Royal Preserves, worth 25c.....	12c	Hasty Lunch Chocolate, Worth 25c.....	13c
Platt's Preserved Strawberries.....	13c	Helz Horse Radish, worth 15c, 2 for.....	25c
Chow Chow, worth 20c.....	13c	Armour's Pork and Beans, worth 20c.....	11c
3-lb can Hubbard Squash, worth 18c.....	10c	Eddy's Catsup, sells for 25c.....	15c
Silver brand Apricots, worth 25c.....	15c	Stevap's Baking Powder, worth 15c.....	8c
Silver brand Peaches, worth 25c.....	15c	Gillett's 2 oz Vanilla, 20c size.....	15c
Wagner's Fruit Syrup, worth 20c.....	12c	Gillett's 1 oz Vanilla 18c size.....	12c
Helz qt. bottle Vinegar, worth 25c.....	15c	Quaker 4 oz Vanilla, 25c size.....	15c
Gooseberry Catsup, worth 25c.....	10c	All Cider Vinegar, per gallon.....	10c
Raspberry Dyrnp, worth 25c.....	10c	White Wine Vinegar per gallon.....	10c
Large bottle Mustard, worth 20c.....	7c	25 lbs fine Granulated Sugar and one sack.....	\$2.00
All Teas cut from 75c to.....	40c	Patent Flour.....	\$2.00
Schillings Baking Powder, good, as Price's or Royal.....	35c	22 lbs fine Granulated Sugar and one sack.....	\$2.00
		Gold Medal Flour.....	\$2.00

Only Two Days More at The C. D. Stevens Store to Clean Up.

LOWELL HARDWARE CO.

Another Wide-Awake Cut Prevails



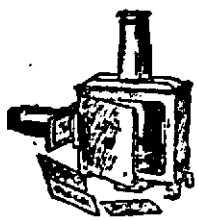
DURABLE WINTER SHOES AT SUMMER PRICES.



FROM our shelves we have selected every pair of Women's patent colt skin and vici kid Shoes in welt that sold at \$4, \$3.50 and \$3 per pair. They are now by themselves on the \$2.48 table. These Shoes are in every respect equal to exclusive shoe stores' alleged \$5 values. Women's heavy sole Shoes in all the durable leathers and styles have found a place on the \$1.98 table. Every pair is for winter wear and if not just as represented we cheerfully refund your money. Men's grain \$2.25 Boot. Values; to close out the price is \$1.50.

This Zero Weather Means Warm Underwear: Men's good cotton fleece lined Shirts and Drawers, in gray or salmon, per garment 39c. Women's cotton fleece lined Pants or Vests at per garment 22c

Toys, Games, Books & Fancy Goods



YOU can buy more presents for the little ones this year than ever for your money, if you buy at the **Wide Awake**. It would be impossible to enumerate all articles but you will find what you want here: Drums, Guns, Iron Toys, Steam Engines, Magic Lanterns, Games of all Kinds, for young and old, Blackboards, Crokonole Boards, Go-Carts, Sho-Flyers, Trunks, Horns, Toy Pianos, in fact, everything to please the children.

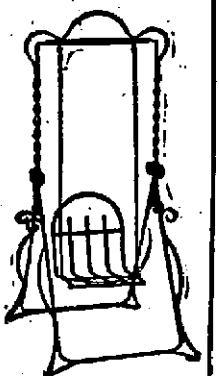


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DOLLS



WE have everything to be desired in Dolls, from the smallest to the largest and finest Kid Body Dolls from 25c to \$5.00 but will be sold at a tremendous cut in price. Don't forget to notice the beautiful sewed wigs on our Dolls, that the little ones can comb and curl to their satisfaction. All have full jointed bodies. Come early while assortment is complete. The line of Dressed Dolls were never so pretty as this year. Prices from 10c to \$4.00. Will be sold at an enormous sacrifice.

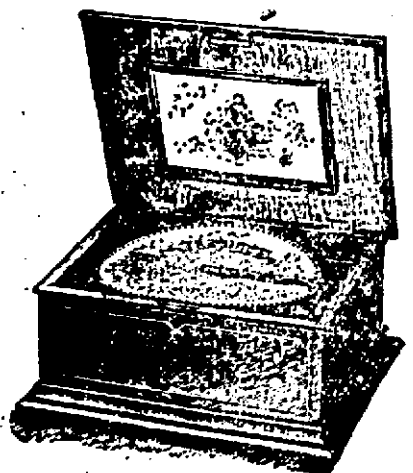


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Plays anything and Everything.
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The Sweetest Toned Music Box Made. Changeable Tune Disks Costing the same as Sheet Music, and Thousands of Tunes to Select from. Fully Guaranteed and Sold on Easy Payments.

It is an ornament to any room and as it is the household's best entertainer, always has the place of honor. The REGINA is unequalled in the sweetness and resonance of its tone qualities. It is the only guaranteed Music Box Come and hear it play also

Victor Talking Machines...

Janesville Music Co
Fleck's, Opp. P. O.

AN INVESTMENT; NOT SPECULATION.

WE can state this absolutely because the property of the Idaho-Central Gold Mining Co. has 80 acres of gold bearing ore on its surface. We know what it will cost to get this out and we know as well as you that the gold can be sold instantly. So where is the speculation? There isn't any, as far as the property is concerned. The speculative part comes in regarding the management. We assure you that the organizers are all well known successful conservative business men whose records are clear and you can easily satisfy yourself concerning them.

A FEW FACTS.

Our mines are located on Dynamite Creek in the famous **Thunder Mountain District, Idaho**, and in the same formation as the famous Dewey Mine which has proven such a bonanza.

There will be sufficient ore in the dump in the spring to enable us to operate a 10 stamp mill as a starter. This being free milling ore, the initial 10 stamps will crush on an average of 50 tons of Gold Ore per day, which at the low valuation of \$10.00 per ton, means a net income of \$162,000 yearly. Tunnel work is now being carried on under the supervision of an expert mining engineer.

An investment of \$100 now, will, in a years time time be worth \$400 besides an annual return of 50 per cent of the actual investment.

The first allotment has already been disposed of, and we now are offering to the investor (for the purpose of purchasing a stamp mill) a small allotment of our stock at 25c per share. No blocks of less than 100 shares will be sold. This stock is fully paid and non-assessable.

We state the above facts fully aware that we are justified in doing so. All we ask is that you drop us a postal asking for prospectus, or see our local representative who will furnish all information.

IDAHO-CENTRAL GOLD MINING CO.,
Suit 207-32 La Salle St. Chicago, Ill.

D. W. WATT,
Hayes Block, Janesville, Wis.

LOOK! LOOK! SPENCER'S

Shoe Store is now Closed to Prepare the Stock for the Grand

Closing Out Sale

COMMENCING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, '02

Any Shoe in The Store at Only

\$2.50

Which will include the Celebrated Lines:

FOR MEN.

Hanan & Sons, - \$5.00 & \$6.00

Howard & Foster \$3.50 to \$5.00

Jefferson Shoes \$3.50 to \$4.00

FOR WOMEN.

John Foster & Co. \$3.50 to \$5.00

Pingree & Smith, \$3.50 & \$4.00

J. H. Cross, - \$3.00 & \$3.50

Boys' Shoes from \$1 to \$2. Youths' Shoes from \$1 to \$1.75.
Little Gents' from 90c to \$1.50. Misses' from \$1 to \$1.75.
Children's from 40c to \$1.25.

These goods will be placed on racks so you can inspect same and you cannot afford to miss the opportunity of a life time. Remember the place and time; Saturday Morning at 7 o'clock.

ON THE BRIDGE

SPENCER

JANESVILLE.